

REMARKS AND CLAIM TO PRIORITY

This is a division of Application No. 09/426,896, filed October 26, 1999.

Claims 31-67 are now pending in this divisional application. Claims 31, 47, 51, and 55 are independent.

The specification has been amended to include reference to the '896 Application.

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon Japanese Priority Applications Nos.

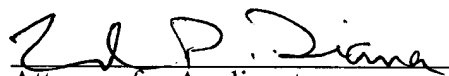
10-306179, filed October 27, 1998; and

10-306182, filed October 27, 1998; and respectfully request acknowledgment of this claim and of receipt of the certified copies of the priority document, which was filed October 26, 1999, in the '896 Application.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith to cite the information made of record in the '896 application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

At page 1, immediately after the Title, the following section has been added:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of Application No. 09/426,896, filed October 26,

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